

# Charter

## United States of America

### *The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia*

*To all whom it may concern:*

**K**NOW YE, that we, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, of the ancient and honorable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, duly established, constituted and organized for the said District, do hereby constitute and appoint our trusty and well-beloved brethren, Thomas Wilson as the first Master, Thomas Smith as the first Senior Warden and Charles G. Wilcox as the First Junior Warden of the new Lodge, to be held in the city of Washington, in the District aforesaid, by the name of Hiram Lodge, No. 10, working under the authority and jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. And we do hereby empower our said trusty and well-beloved brethren, Thomas Wilson, Thomas Smith and Charles G. Wilcox, and their successors in office, duly elected and installed, to hold their Lodge at such room within the city of Washington as they may deem most convenient for their meetings, and at such times as they shall judge proper, and to admit and make Free Masons according to the ancient and established usages of the craft.

**A**nd we do further authorize the said brethren and their successors, to hear and determine all and singular such matters and things as relate to the craft, within the jurisdiction of Hiram Lodge, No. 10, with the assistance of the members thereof. And lastly, we do hereby authorize and empower our said trusty and well-beloved brethren to install their successors, being first duly elected as such, to whom they shall deliver this warrant of constitution and invest them with all their powers and dignities as Free Masons. And such successors shall, in like manner, install their successors, etc. Such installations to be on or near the anniversary of St. John, the Evangelist, during the continuance of this Grand Lodge. Provided always that the above-named brethren, and their successors, pay due respect to this Grand Lodge, and to the ordinances thereof, otherwise this warrant of constitution to be void, and of no effect.

**I**n testimony whereof the installed officers of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia have hereunto subscribed their names and caused the seal of the said Grand Lodge to be affixed, at the city of Washington, the 8th day of January, A.L. 5828. A.D. 1828.

*William Lambert,*  
**Grand Secretary.**

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*William Hewlett*  
**Grand Master**

*Thomas Corcoran, Jr*  
**Deputy Grand Master**

*Richard Rock,*  
**Grand Senior Warden**

*William Easby,*  
**Grand Junior Warden**

*William Hayman,*  
**Grand Treasurer**

